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THE SUNDAY QUESTION.

There is one important point of difference between the movement in New York for the opening of the museums and libraries there on Sunday and the movement in this city to bring about the Sunday opening of the Smithsonian Institution, the National Museum, the Congressional Library and the Botanical Garden. We pointed out some days ago that the business men of New York and citizens generally have expressed themselves in favor of the movement. Now the ministers of that city have taken the matter up, and as it rule, announce from their pulpits that it would be a very good thing. Of the many ministers who have expressed themselves on the subject all but one or two have advocated the innovation in order that the people may avail themselves of the pleasure and profit to be derived from it. None of them have said that such a course would be a desecration of the Lord's Day.

The Evangelical ministers in this city, however, hold different views on the question, and we are told that they have formed an organization looking toward a stricter observance of the Sunday laws with the special objects of opposing the opening on the Sabbath of the public institutions where knowledge and pleasure may be assimilated at the same time. They take the ground that to open the National Museum, the Botanical Garden, the Congressional Library and the Smithsonian Institution, to sell newspapers on Sunday and to hold sacred concerts would constitute desecrations of the day.

As to concerts and newspaper selling and other secular occupations in this connection, we have nothing to say here, but we differ from our ministerial friends about the opening of the institutions mentioned. The Critic broached the movement in the first place to secure that end, and has from time to time advocated it vigorously. But when the ministers say "constructively at least" that The Critic advises Sabbath desecration, we beg leave to interpose an objection. Instead of endeavoring to encourage flagitious recreations or anything to detract from the obligations of the Sabbath, we are working in a direction to prevent these very results, and if the clergy will only look at the matter from a liberal standpoint they will see it in the same light.

We have reason to believe that the majority of the people composing the congregations of the church in this city would tell their pastors that opening the public institutions under discussion would, instead of increasing a Sabbath-breaking spirit, go far, very far, toward checking it; opportunities for enjoyment and improvement that do not now exist would be afforded, and tendencies to idleness and dissipation proportionately done away with. The proper way to view such movements is rather from the broad standpoint of liberal progress, and not through narrow loopholes of asceticism or strict Biblical interpretation.

REV. SAM JONES.

Evangelist Sam Jones, who is conducting a revival in St. Louis, is drawing such large audiences that the evening services are held in the great music hall in order to accommodate the thousands who are anxious to hear him proclaim the Scriptures. Mr. Jones appears to be becoming more and more eccentric in his style of fighting the world, the flesh, and the devil. He says that it almost "ticks him to death" when he looks over the religious papers and sees that the preachers of this country are saying more against him than against Bob Ingersoll and the devil. He accounts for this on the ground that there are preachers of this country who would "see the country and the people damned rather than do anything out of the bounds of property." In language forcible, if not elegant, he denounces as "liars from head to foot" all men who say that he ever preached a word not in harmony with the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount.

Mr. Jones does not hesitate to tell the people of St. Louis that the Southwestern Metropolis is a very wicked place, and he is waging a vigorous war on the instrumentalities which Satan is so busily employing to make it worse. When he has done with St. Louis he proposes to advance upon the National Capital.

It was "some ignorant writer in The Critic," was it who announced last Tuesday evening that Jacob Schoenhoef had been selected for the Tunstall Consulship? That's what the Post of Wednesday said. Yet the Post of this morning rises to remark that Mr. Schoenhoef is the man. The "ignorant writer in The Critic" knew what he was writing about. Our esteemed contemporary should mend his manners and look more closely after the news.

In addition to the elections of Mr. Ashmead Bartlett and of Mr. Jennings, another gentleman has been returned to the English Parliament who has had to do with American affairs. He is Colonel Burleigh, a well-known war correspondent. During our late unpleasantries he was in the service of the Confederacy, operating in Canada. He was captured by the Federal au-

thorities and confined for some time on Kelly's Island, near Sandusky, Ohio, but escaped. Before his capture he was on the staff of the New York *Evening Post*. Colonel Burleigh figured prominently in the Egyptian war and was wounded in the battle in which General Stewart was killed.

As Comptroller Cannon in his annual report deprecates the continuance of silver coinage at the present rate, thinking it to be in excess of the needs of the country and liable to cause financial disturbance, it is pretty safe to argue that Secretary Manning in his report, and the President in his message, will express somewhat similar views. He is an opportunity for the Washington correspondents to give the country those portions of the Secretary's report and of the President's message which discuss the silver question. The Critic charges nothing extra for the suggestion.

Mr. JOHN C. NEW's usually sensible *Indispensable Journal* is joining the great army of imbeciles. It says that the President should not take the risks of a journey to attend the funeral of the late Vice-President. There is no more danger in the President's going to Indianapolis to pay his respects at the grave of a man who was elected with him last November than there was in his going to New York recently to vote. The only chance of the President's being placed in danger would be engendered by just such insane gush as the *Journal* and one or two other newspapers are indulging in.

The *National Republican* will hereafter publish every Monday morning the sermon delivered by Dr. Talmage at the Brooklyn Tabernacle the day before. This will no doubt prove an acceptable feature, and we are glad, moreover, to see that the mind of our esteemed contemporary, which we have sometimes noted with pain, was apparently disposed to worldliness, now putting on more spiritual armor.

"This thing of calling seventy-nine cents' worth of silver a dollar ought to be stopped," says the *Philadelphia Times*. Yet if seventy-nine cents' worth of silver will buy as much as a hundred cents' worth of gold, what's the sense in making so much fussabout it? A dollar is a dollar so long as the Government honors it as a dollar.

It is a little significant that the Democrats think Senator Elmdurn should be made President *pro tempore* of the Senate, while the Republicans, as a rule, think Logue is the man for the place.

A REPUBLICAN Senatorial caucus will be held either Friday or Saturday of next week, when it is expected that a candidate for President *pro tempore* will be nominated.

Other Organs Put of Tune. *Edition Critic*, THE WASHINGTON CRITIC is to be sincerely congratulated. Just at this time, when all of the other Washington papers, and some of "the great metropolitans" of Philadelphia and New York—nearly the *Press* and *Sun*—have gone clean into hysterics that "some precious life is all that stands between this country and anarchy," *This Critic* carries a lead headline:

"The article headed 'An Organ Out of Tune,' in today's issue, expresses the sentiment of the sixty-million people of these United States, including 'things not said,' and also, without regard to race, color or previous condition of servants."

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.

Mr. Daniel and the Senate. *Edition Critic*, *The National Republican* says that Mr. Daniel is the best word earper in the Senate, but we do not get a good specimen of Senatorial time."

The Virginia Legislature will decide what constitutes "good Senatorial timber." One thing is certain, there's not a man in the Old Dominion who stands higher in the estimation of his fellow-citizens. He is not only eloquent and able, but thoroughly honest.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.

PEOPLES IN GENERAL. *Edition Critic*, The Senator Sharon held a paid-up insurance policy of \$35,000.

Mr. T. B. CONNERY, formerly managing editor of the New York *World*, is now residing at Liege, Belgium.

ARCHDEACON FARHAR will be entertained on Wednesday next by Mr. George W. Childs, at the Aldine Hotel, Philadelphia.

JENNIE LIND will sing in the public press for the first time in twenty-two years. Her appearance will be for a charitable purpose.

MR. JOHN E. OWENS, the comedian, has so far recovered from his long and serious illness, that he expects to spend the winter in Charlestown, S. C.

THOMAS POWER O'CONNOR will publish in December a new work on the recent politics and statecraft of Great Britain, entitled "Gladstone's House of Commons."

SENATOR JOHN SHERMAN started for his home in Mansfield last Friday. He will not be able to attend the funeral of Vice-President Hendricks owing to an important business engagement made some time ago.

Mrs. MARY LEE, daughter of the late General Robert E. Lee, is an indefatigable traveler. She now visits her cousin, United States Minister Lewis, in Portugal, and before she returns to this country will extend her tour to Japan.

GENERAL LONGSTREET is spending most of his time in literary work, and is now busy with some valuable papers on the war for the *Century* magazine. His recollections are as vivid as though the war had closed but a month ago.

GENERAL JOHN C. FRIMONT's friends everywhere, and their name is legion, will be glad to know that recent paragraphs relative to his peculiar condition are incorrect. The General's fortune is moderate, but equal to his wants.—[N. Y. Star.]

IT IS STATED THAT about \$1,500,000 worth of terpsichore are taken annually from the waters of Chesapeake Bay. That means that something like 1,000,000 terpsichores are caught each year. How long will the supply last at that rate of extraction?—[Baltimore American.]

Mr. GEORGE W. PECK of *Peck's* Sea and Land Boys is one of the heirs to the greatest fortune of London's *Lawrence Chase*, which has been handed down for a hundred years. Another heir, well-known in Washington, is Mr. David J. Craigie, the wife of Captain Craigie, Twelfth Infantry. An act of the British Parliament passed in April, 1865, gave him the attorney for treason by declaring his execution for the alleged crime an infraction of the law.

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## SPECIAL NOTICES.

### HOME FOR CHILDREN.

A meeting of the Board of Managers, Inc., of the Home for Children, will be held on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, at 1 P.M., at the Second Floor, corner 14th and Faucon streets, for the purpose of obtaining views on the expense of maintaining the children.

Two Large, Newly-Papered, Furnished rooms on second floor for light housekeeping, and will also furnish food, water, and firewood.

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